



# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Division of Marine Fisheries*

*251 Causeway Street, Suite 400*

*Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2152*

(617) 626-1520

### **APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING and/or FOR-HIRE VESSELS**

Please complete both sides of the application and return to the above address.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:			<b>e-mail:</b> Informational and regulatory updates are often sent via e-mail notification. If your e-mail address changes, please remember to update with DMF.  <b>e-mail address:</b> _____	
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Initial _____				
Street _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____			Date of Birth: ____/____/____  Telephone #: (____) ____-____  SSN: ____-____-____	
Mailing Address (If different than above) _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____				
<b>Residency Status:</b> Ma Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No U. S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

**Boat Information (if applicable):**  
Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_ ft \_\_\_\_ in MS/DOC No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vessel Homeport: \_\_\_\_\_  
NMFS Northeast Federal Permit Number for this vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ (note: not the Hull Number)

**DOR Affidavit**

By statutory mandate of C. 233 of the Acts of 1983, the Dept. of Revenue is requiring the enclosed affidavit certifying your compliance with the Revenue Laws of the Commonwealth. Failure to accurately execute the enclosed affidavit will result in the non-issuance of your license. Should you have any questions you may contact the Dept. of Revenue at 1-800-392-6089.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62c, s. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Social Security No. or Federal ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Individual or Corporate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Officer (if applicable) by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commercial Affidavit**

I acknowledge March 6, 2008 as a control date for commercial fisheries conducted using hook-and-line, longline or other hand gear within waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, excluding the commercial striped bass fishery. I understand that future access to fisheries conducted using hooks (longlines, rod & reel, or hand gear) may not be guaranteed and may be subject to eligibility criteria for determining levels of access to and allowable harvest of these fisheries based on historic harvest levels of a vessel, person or other criteria.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following checklist to reduce the risk of making errors in completing this application, and a subsequent delay in processing. Please allow 3 weeks for processing by mail.

- ☐ Complete all the requested information above, including the DOR & Commercial affidavits.

**On the back of this form:**

- ☐ Select the license type and endorsement(s) for which you are applying.
- ☐ Select a Primary Gear Code. Select a Secondary Gear Code if applicable.
- ☐ Fisheries marked with an asterisk (\*) require additional information; submit information as required.
- ☐ Calculate your total fee, and submit a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- ☐ Return your application to the Division of Marine Fisheries at the address listed above. Thank you!

If you need to make any changes to the front of this form, or add endorsements, information on all permit types is printed below.

Commercial Permit Selection: Please select **ONLY ONE** commercial category from the list below (the top five categories may be endorsed for shellfish and scallop shucking at no additional charge).

	MASS RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
OFFSHORE LOBSTER *	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$520
*This is a <b>NON-TRAP</b> permit. You must submit a copy of your federal permit. Please contact DMF for further information (617) 626-1520		
BOAT 99+ FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$520
BOAT 60-99FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$390
BOAT 0-59 FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260
INDIVIDUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
ROD & REEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
SHELLFISH & ROD & REEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
SHELLFISH & SEAWORMS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
STUDENT LOBSTER*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130

- \*Student Lobster permit holders must affix trap tags to their gear. Trap tags for student lobster permit holders will be supplied by DMF.
- Join DMF's e-mail service to be notified of any regulatory changes or pertinent information. Send an e-mail (with nothing in the subject or body) to: [joinmarinefisheries@listserv.state.ma.us](mailto:joinmarinefisheries@listserv.state.ma.us)
- To receive the Division's newsletter send a postcard with your name and address to: DMF News  
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FOR HIRE VESSELS: Check the appropriate box below, and submit with a copy of your **current Coast Guard License**.

- ☐ HEAD BOAT—vessels carrying 7 or more paying customers.
- ☐ CHARTER BOAT—vessels carrying 3 to 6 paying customers.
- ☐ GUIDE BOAT—vessels carrying up to 2 paying customers.

THE COST FOR MA RESIDENTS IS \$10.00  
THE COST FOR NON-MA RESIDENTS IS \$20.00

**Limited Entry:** The following permits and endorsements are limited in entry and may be available by transfer. For more information on the transfer of limited entry permits contact DMF at (617) 626-1520.

**Commercial Permits:** Coastal Lobster, Offshore Lobster (trap permit)  
**Endorsements:**

Gillnets	Bluefish Gillnet	Mobile Gear Coastal Access
Fish Pot – Scup	Fish Pot – Conch	Fish Pot- Sea Bass
Fluke	Surf Clam	Ocean Quahog
Bluefin Tuna by Purse Seine		Quahog-Dredge
Groundfish Endorsement*		Horseshoe Crab

\*Groundfish Endorsement (GE) –This endorsement is required for any commercial operation catching, landing and possessing groundfish in state waters, but not fishing under a federal Multispecies or monkfish permit. In addition to monkfish, the ten federally managed groundfish species covered by the GE are cod, haddock, pollock, redfish, white hake, yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, windowpane flounder, American plaice and witch flounder.

**Commercial Endorsements:** Your commercial permit must be endorsed if you harvest any of the regulated species listed below. Select each species you want authorization to commercially harvest by marking the corresponding box. Each endorsement is assessed the indicated fee. **NOT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT LOBSTER PERMITEES.**

	MASS RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
AMERICAN EEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
BLACK SEA BASS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
DOGFISH*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
NORTHERN SHRIMP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SCUP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SEA HERRING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SEA URCHIN*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
STRIPED BASS*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SURF CLAM* (contaminated)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SHELLFISH ENDORSEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 (Must have a town permit)	
SEA SCALLOP SHUCKING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	
SEA SCALLOP DIVER	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 (Residency restrictions)	
BAY SCALLOP SHUCKING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	

If you select Bay Scallop shucking, you must submit a copy of your Certified Sanitary Inspection approved by the Mass DPH.

☐ \$30 ☐ \$60  
The harvest of bait fish from harbors and estuaries with a Surface Gillnet greater than 200 square feet requires an endorsement on your commercial permit.

☐ \$30 ☐ \$60  
The harvest of bait fish from harbors and estuaries with a net other than a surface gillnet requires an endorsement on your commercial permit.

**\*Additional information is required for those endorsements marked with an asterisk (\*), above.**

Sea Urchin: New applicants must submit an affidavit, which are available online at <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/>

Inshore Net: Submit secondary application. Contact DMF if needed.

Surf Clam, contaminated: List your port of landing: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogfish: New applicants must submit an affidavit, which are available online, and you must select a gear type: \_\_\_\_\_

**GEAR CODES:** What gear type(s) do you most commonly use? Select at least one gear code from the list below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Primary Gear Code \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Gear Code

0120 - PURSE SEINE	*0800 - POTS AND TRAPS
0310 - OTTER.BEAM TRAWLS	0911 - HAND LINES
0320 - MID-WATER TRAWL	0912 - ROD AND REEL
0330 - PAIR TRAWL	0920 - LONGLINE
0410 - SHELLFISH DREDGES	1010 - HARPOON
0411 - HAND RAKES	**1200 - OTHER GEAR
0700 - GILL NET	1400 - DIVING GEAR

\*BUOY COLORS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you selected 1200, what is your gear type? \_\_\_\_\_